## Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash — Felton

**Felton**— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on January 9, 2019 at approximately 11:34 a.m., in which one driver has succumb to his injuries.

The incident occurred when a 2016 Ford F-250 was traveling eastbound on SR12 (Midstate Road) approaching the intersection of SR15 (Canterbury Road). A 2001 Dodge Ram was traveling northbound on SR15 (Canterbury Road) entering the intersection of SR12 (Midstate Road). The intersection is a four way stop intersection controlled by a blinking red flashing light along with four posted stop signs. The operator of the F-250 failed to stop at the posted stop sign/flashing red light and struck the Dodge Ram in the driver's side door.

The operator of the F-250, a 50-year-old male from Clayton, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Milford Memorial Hospital where he was released with no injuries.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, 80-year-old **Vaughn Wootten** from Felton, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital. Vaughn Wootten succumbed to his injuries on January 13, 2019.

A passenger in the Dodge Ram, 76-year-old female from Felton, DE was not properly restrained and was ejected. She was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital where she remains in serious condition.

SR12 (Midstate Road) at the intersection of SR15 (Canterbury Road) was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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